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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: March 21, 1959
Place: Camp David

SUBJECT: Tactics at Foreign Ministers Meeting with Soviets

US
PARTICIPANTS: The President
The Acting Secretary
Mr. Murphy
Ambassador Whitney
Mr. Merchant
Mr. Reinhardt
Mr. Irwin
~~SECRETARY~~ General Goodpastor
Major Eisenhower

UK
The Prime Minister
Mr. Lloyd
Sir Frederick Hoyer-Millar
Sir Patrick Dean
Sir Anthony Rumbold
Sir Harold Caccia
Sir Norman Brook
Mr. Bishop



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G Amembassy London - Amb. Whitney
C Secretary McNamara

Mr. Irwin
Allen Dulles

At 11:10 a.m. Mr. Irwin and Mr. Merchant joined the main group in Aspen. The discussion of the possible resort to the United Nations in connection with the Berlin crisis was concluding.

The President then told the Prime Minister that we favored tabling at the Foreign Ministers meeting in May a comprehensive and detailed plan for all of Germany including reunification, security arrangements and a treaty. It was our concept that within this framework the problem of Berlin could be readily dissolved. The President said that our proposal which was under study in the working group contained, he felt, great appeal which would be an impact on neutral as well as German and Allied public opinion. He felt it was an ambitious proposal and the right way to approach the negotiation and expect to come out with something more modest.

In some further discussion it was agreed that in our presentation at the Foreign Ministers meeting we would stand on our rights and present position with respect to Berlin but put in a comprehensive package plan in which the problem of Berlin would be wrapped.

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The meeting then broke up for luncheon after a brief discussion of the handling of the press and agreement that there would be no formal communique issued at the end of the week end.



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